

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

# Returning Scholars Program 2015-16 Academic Year

## International Higher Education Support Program Academic Capacity Development Program

*Inviting applications for placements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories*

**The Returning Scholars Program** invites applications from junior faculty who are at the beginning of their academic career and have returned or are returning to university positions in Palestine after studying abroad. A Returning Scholar has received an internationally recognized post-graduate degree from a reputable institution of higher education (typically in an OECD country) and has obtained (or will obtain by September 1, 2015) a **PhD** in one of the following fields: **gender studies, human rights and public law, international relations, journalism and media studies, political science, public health, public policy and public administration, sociology, social anthropology, social psychology, and social work.**

Returning Scholars teach at carefully selected university departments that are amenable to change and propose a clear and realistic development agenda. Partner departments are identified and chosen by the program through a separate application process.

**In order to be eligible for program support, the candidate must be a citizen of Palestine, a faculty member with a long-term contract (3-5 years) at one of the ACDP partner departments, and teach a minimum of four semester-long courses per academic year in that department.** An interested scholar already associated with a department that is not supported by the program will either be deemed ineligible or can make arrangements for relocating to a qualifying department. Applicants are also required to prove their proficiency in the English language.

The grant package comprises a monthly stipend and various allowances, including professional development, and is renewable for the following academic year. Returning Scholars and partner departments also benefit from the expertise of supported Academic Consultants who provide scholarly mentorship in such areas as professional development, curriculum reform, research methods, teaching/learning methodologies specific to their discipline, service to the discipline and the community.

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**Application deadline is June 30, 2015.** Grant contracts commence on September 1, 2015, and end on August 31, 2016, with the possibility of renewal for the following academic year.

Applications should be submitted by e-mail to [hesp.acdp@opensocietyfoundations.org](mailto:hesp.acdp@opensocietyfoundations.org). Please find the application form below.

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**Returning Scholars Program  
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**APPLICATION FORM**

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**I. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Title (Ms./Mr.):

Last Name:

First Name:

Citizenship (list all you currently have):

Current Mailing Address:

Cell Phone:

Skype Name:

E-mail Address:

**II. ACADEMIC TRAINING & AWARDS**

Academic Discipline: Please indicate your field of study. If your field is considered multidisciplinary, please underline no more than two fields.

Gender Studies

Human Rights and Public Law

International Relations

Journalism and Media Studies

Political Science

Public Health

Public Policy and Public Administration

Sociology

Social Anthropology

Social Psychology

Social Work

Other:

Areas of research interests:

Academic Degrees Earned: Please provide information regarding your university and post-graduate education in the reverse chronological order:

University	Degree Earned	Date Awarded	Discipline

Are you currently a recipient of any Open Society Foundations (OSF) grant or fellowship? If so, please provide details:

**III. TEACHING EXPERIENCE.** Please outline your university-level teaching experience. Indicate the type of teaching position held (e.g., full-time, part-time, assistant professor, associate professor, full professor, etc.)

University	Years employed	Position	Courses Taught

**IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF POST-GRADUATE DEGREES.** Provide **official verification of both your MA and PhD degrees**. This can include a scanned copy of your post-graduate diploma, a letter from the university registrar indicating your completion of a post-graduate degree, etc. Please provide English translation for foreign language documents.

**V. ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY.** If none of your post-graduate degrees is from an English-speaking country, **elaborate on your proficiency to communicate in English and provide copies of supporting documents (such as TOEFL, GRE or IELTS scores, references to articles published in English, etc.)**

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**VI. GRANT PROPOSAL.** Please answer the following questions limiting your answers to a total of *three typed pages* and attach the proposal to this application form.

1. What are your specific plans for the 2015-16 academic year in the following three areas: 1) teaching, 2) research, and 3) service to the discipline and the community? In the teaching section, please provide **a full list of courses you are scheduled to teach next academic year**. Please note that each Returning Scholar **is contractually required to teach a minimum of four semester-long courses**, or an equivalent course load, during the academic year. Please also describe briefly what kind of changes you are planning to introduce to your current courses and/or what new courses you will develop next year.

2. How will your individual projects outlined above contribute to developing the overall academic capacity of your department?

3. How would this grant help you achieve your goals for the next academic year?

#### NOTE TO APPLICANTS

Interviews will be conducted with short-listed candidates who are recommended after initial screening. Grants commence on September 1, 2015, end on August 31, 2016, and are renewable for the following academic year.

For further information, please contact the International Higher Education Support Program at:

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